

Key CE Personnel Changes

Two civil engineer general officers and former Command Civil Engineers have retired from the Air Force this year. Both entered the service in 1968. Maj Gen Todd I. Stewart, Director, Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH, retired April 1. He is now the director of Ohio State University's Program for International and Homeland Security.

Maj Gen Robert J. Courter Jr., Director, Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, VA, retired July 1. The general was instrumental in launching DeCA's "Scholarships for

Military Children" program, which awarded nearly 400 scholarships in 2001 and more than 500 this year.

At Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Col Faith H. Fadok is the new mobilization assistant to The Civil Engineer. She succeeds Col Donald L. Ritenour, who retired from the Air Force Reserve and is currently Director, Design and Construction, at the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence, Brooks AFB, TX.

Col David F. Bird Jr. succeeds Col Russell L. (Rusty) Gilbert as the Air Education and Training Command Civil Engineer, Randolph AFB,

TX. Colonel Bird is formerly the 96th Air Base Wing commander, Eglin AFB, FL. Colonel Gilbert retired in May.

Col Jon D. Verlinde, formerly the Air Force Reserve Command Civil Engineer, Robins AFB, GA, succeeds Col Glenn R. Haggstrom as the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Civil Engineer, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Col Haggstrom retired in July.

Col David A. Sweat, formerly the Assistant Civil Engineer, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA, succeeds Col Verlinde as the Air Force Reserve Command Civil Engineer.

Charleston Civil Engineer Among Air Force's Most Outstanding

SSgt Brian Sharman, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, Charleston Air Force Base, SC, is one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2001.

Sergeant Sharman will wear the Outstanding Airman badge for the next year, after being selected by a board that included the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and the command chief master sergeants from each major command. The award, which is sponsored by the Air Force Association, recognizes 12 outstanding enlisted members for superior leadership, job performance, community involvement and personal achievements.

Sergeant Sharman said he was really excited to receive the award, and he thinks a big part of his success this year is due to the fact that he worked at two different bases — Hickam AFB, HI, and Charleston — with two very different missions.

"At Hickam, we directly supported many small islands throughout the South Pacific with large amounts of unexploded World War II ordnance, so that's a lot of what we did there, whereas here, the main focus is presidential and Secret Service support," he said. Sergeant Sharman attributes much of his success to the people around him who helped along the way.

"A big reason I made it is because CMSgt (Harvey) Hampton (437th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant) and some other

chiefs and senior NCOs on base ran me through mock boards to prepare me for the AMC level of competition," he said. "The AMC board members told me that made a huge difference." Charleston AFB's senior NCOs weren't the only ones to help. "My flight really helped me prepare, too," he said.

As far as advice to other airmen, Sergeant Sharman offered some of the things he's learned on the path to becoming one of the 12 OAY.

"Have a good attitude," he said. "When presented opportunities, capitalize on them. Instead of turning down the TDY no one else wants, take it. Jump in and do your best."

Sergeant Sharman also highlighted the importance of having footsteps to follow in. "Find a good mentor, somebody who's sharp, and learn from them," he said.

The AFA honors the 12 OAY at its annual convention in Washington, DC. In addition to wearing the Outstanding Airman badge for one year, the 12 OAY are awarded the Outstanding Airman ribbon with the bronze service star device. They also serve on the AFA Enlisted Council for one year. (*437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*)



SSgt Brian Sharman demonstrates use of an MK 29 Vallon to locate buried ordnance. (Photo by SSgt Jennie Ivey)

2002 Major-Selects

The following Air Force civil engineer officers have been selected for promotion to major. Congratulations to all on their dedication and achievement.

Matthew W. Allinson
David J. Anason
John P. Baker
Andrew J. Bates
Theodore B. Bloomer
Eric J. Bollinger
Patrick R. Breaux
Christopher W. Burelli
David B. Chisenhall Jr.
James F. Downs
Erik S. Fegenbush
Michael A. Geer
Arthur L. Gepner Jr.
James C. Greene
Monte S. Harner
Rodney C. Harris
James P. Hickman

Dean T. Hitchcock
Craig P. Johnson
Laura M. Johnson
David M. Jurk
James K. Kossler
Charles D. Kuhl
Grant E. Lang
Billy J. Lawson Jr.
Byron K. Love
Mark W. Madaus
Richard S. Mathews
Scott B. Matthews
Alberto Mezarina
Karla K. Mika
Steven W. Moore
Ana M. Morrongiello
Charles D. Perham

George E. Petty
Christopher L. Pewterbaugh
Ronald L. Pieri
Dwayne M. Robison
Mark A. Russo
David C. Scharf
Derek M. Scott
Ronald B. Shankland Jr.
Francisco O. Simas
Douglas H. Swift
Edward D. Treanor V.
Eric S. Turner
John R. Underhill
Todd S. Waldvogel
Keith A. Welch
David P. Wilder
Walter K. Yazzie

Civil Engineers Win "Closing the Circle" Awards

Air Force civil engineers have won two of this year's White House Closing the Circle Awards. The 66th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA, won for its environmental preferability initiatives, and William R. Meinerding, 88th Air Base Wing Environmental Management Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, won for his outstanding leadership of the base's solid waste and recycling program.

Hanscom's environmental preferability projects focused on enhancing human health and the environment while reducing federal costs, said Chris Simpson, 66th CES Environmental Flight. One of the projects involved recycling the base's wood telephone poles, which were being torn down and replaced with underground conduit.

"We delivered more than 100 tons of utility poles to the City of Salem's Conservation Commission, and they are now being used as borders for new trails," Simpson said. "Also, more than 131 tons of poles were recycled as

mulch and energy at a Maine bio-fuel recycling plant."

William Meinerding's award came in the individual category in military recycling. "I was very surprised to find I'd won the award," he said, adding that the real winners are the base employees because they make Wright-Patterson's award-winning recycling program work.

"Through his exceptional leadership and management, the solid waste and recycling program diverts nearly 9 million pounds away from landfill disposal annually," said Ron Lester, 88th ABW Environmental Management Office director. Since 1995, Meinerding's efforts have saved the base more than \$2 million in landfill disposal costs.

The Closing the Circle Award winners were recognized in a ceremony at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington DC on June 4. *(Compiled from Air Force Materiel Command News Service and Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs articles.)*

CEs Join Bataan Memorial March



Members of the 314th CES march along the 26-mile Bataan Memorial Death March route at White Sands Missile Range, NM. (Photo by MSgt Doug Grimm)

Eleven members of the 314th Civil Engineer Squadron from Little Rock Air Force Base, AR, participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March April 14 at White Sands Missile Range, NM, to honor service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II.

The 314th CES team joined more than 4,000 military and civilian marchers from across the United States and several foreign countries at the annual 26.2-mile march. This year's event commemorated the 60th anniversary of the original march of prisoners of war that took place April 9, 1942. *(Air Education and Training Command News Service)*